First Member of Council.—

A copy of the Government Order will, if necessary, be furnished.

Mr. Venkatasubbiah.—

I mean to say that the District and Taluk Office staff have not had any increment for the last many years.

Dewan.—

We shall consider.

BY MR. VEERASANJEEVEGOWDA (Closepet Taluk).—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted about 25 to 30 years back for the construction of a tank by putting a dam to the Vrishabhavati River near Byramangala in the Closepet Taluk? If so, in what year?

(*b*) What was the tank estimated to cost?

(*c*) In what office is the connected record pending?

(*d*) What amount was spent for the survey and project?

(*e*) Whether they are aware of a petition submitted to the Dewan Sahib two years back in the matter?

(*f*) If so, what action has been taken on that petition?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the raiyats have agreed to pay contribution as required by the Executive Engineer?

(*h*) If so, what is the difficulty in starting the work?

(*i*) Whether they intend commencing the work this year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—3. (*a*) Yes. Between 1900 and 1906.

(*b*) Roughly estimated to cost Rs. 3,93,901.

(*c*) A fresh project is now ordered to be got up and it is pending in the office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

(*d*) Not possible to say now.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A fresh project has been called for.

(*g*) Yes. At Rs. 75 per acre.

(*h*) The project has to be prepared afresh and examined. At the present day rates, the project may amount to more than 5 lakhs of rupees.

(*i*) No. The project is not ready yet. Early arrangements will be made.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Veerasanjeevegowda.—

With reference to answer given to (*a*) what is the reason for not carrying out the work for the past 22 years?

Third Member of Council.—

Probably the work might not have been considered remunerative. Definite information is now not available.

Mr. Veerasanjeevegowda.—

There is no answer to (*c*). Where are the old records pending?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no use of going back into all that. A fresh project has been ordered to be got up.

Mr. Veerasanjeevegowda.—

With reference to (*g*) when the raiyats have agreed to pay contribution more than two years ago why should there be delay in taking up the work?

Third Member of Council.—

This is a big project and naturally it takes some time. The matter will be expedited.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM IYENGAR (Legal Interest).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many persons during the last five years annually were sentenced to (i) death and (ii) whipping either with or without other punishments?

(*b*) How many of these were males and how many females?

(*c*) How many of death sentences were commuted and how many executed?